

REMARKS

In the Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to Figures 4a and 4b.

The Standards for Drawings at 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(h) states, in part, that “[t]he drawing must contain as many views as necessary to show the invention. The views may be plan, elevation, section, or perspective views. *Detail views of portions of elements, on a larger scale if necessary, may also be used.*” [Emphasis added] The Detail I and Detail II views in Figures 4b and 4a, respectively, simply provide more detailed views of portions of elements of their respective figures. These are not “modified forms of construction” as alleged by Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Figures 4a and 4b are acceptable according to the Standards for Drawings.

Examiner similarly alleges that Figure 10a also shows modified forms of construction in the same view. However, as is evident from paragraph 0059 of the specification, Figure 10a shows “the components of the base profile 1, the web arrangement 2 and the covering profile 3 in an exploded view...” The Standards for Drawings at 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(h)(1) states, in part, that “[e]xploded views, with the separated parts embraced by a bracket, to show the relationship or order of assembly of various parts are permissible.”

Applicant has submitted a Replacement Sheet for Figure 10a showing the exploded view with the bracket as required by the Standards for Drawings of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(h)(1). Additionally, the reference character 25” has been removed from the figure. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the replacement sheet for Figure 10a is now acceptable according to the Standards for Drawings.

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph 0046 of the present specification with the included replacement paragraph. The replacement paragraph has corrected errors that are clearly typographical in nature regarding the reference characters 17, 17’ and 18, 18’.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 30-41, 43, 44, 47 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Daly et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0095895). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 30 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 45 that was indicated by Examiner as being allowable. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 30 is now allowable over the cited art. Applicant believes that, since independent claim 30 is now allowable over the cited art, dependent claims 31 – 41, 43, 44, 47, and 48 are necessarily allowable as well. Claim 45 has been canceled. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grosjean et al. (EP Patent No. 0588734). Claim 49 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kammerer (U.S. Patent No. 2,273,877). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant believes that it has been shown that independent claim 30 is now allowable over the cite art. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 42 and 49 are now necessarily allowable as well.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 45 and 46 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

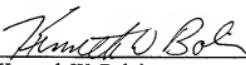
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2211.

Respectfully submitted,

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